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OSGOOD A. DARBY, } *Assistant*

WM. C. POWER, } *Secretaries.*

T. S. MOORMAN,

The Conference met in the Presbyterian Church, Bishop Kavanaugh in the chair. The sessions were daily opened with reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer. The regular disciplinary business was attended to, as follows :

QUESTION I.—*Who are admitted on trial ?*

ANSWER.—Jesse A. Clifton, George T. Harmon, Christian V. Barnes, J. Marion Boyd, William D. Lee, Joseph F. England, Thomas P. England, William T. McClellion, Albert G. Gantt, Benjamin F. Dixon, James T. McElhaney.

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QUES. II.— *Who remain on trial?*

ANS.—Thomas E. Wannamaker, Louis C. Loyal, Marcus G. Tuttle, William Thomas, Robert M. Harrison, John J. Prather.

QUES. III.— *Who are admitted into full connection?*

ANS.—Silas P. H. Elwell, Squire M. Davis, Maxwell H. Hoyle, Reuben L. Duffie.

QUES. IV.— *Who are re-admitted?*

ANS.—None.

QUES. V.— *Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?*

ANS.—Hugh A. C. Walker, Robert L. Harper.

QUES. VI.— *Who are the Deacons of one year?*

ANS.—Joseph R. Griffith, Robert L. Harper.

QUES. VII.— *What traveling preachers are elected and ordained Deacons?*

ANS.—Squire M. Davis, Maxwell H. Hoyle, Reuben L. Duffie.

QUES. VIII.— *What local preachers are elected and ordained Deacons?*

ANS.—White—Jeremiah McCartha, not ordained; Alfred B. Brown, McKenzie Mazingo, George W. Gatlin. Colored—Nathan Chiles, George Jones, not ordained; Richard Moses.

QUES. IX.— *What traveling preachers are elected and ordained Elders?*

ANS.—John B. Platt, James C. Crisp, Joseph B. Traywick.

QUES. X.— *What local preachers are elected and ordained Elders?*

ANS.—Ordained—Miles H. Joy, William Alexander, John S. Huggins, Thomas Gibson, James T. McElhaney. Not ordained—Alexander W. Moore, Appleton G. Harmon.

QUES. XI.— *Who have located this year?*

ANS.—James M. Cline, John L. Stoudemire, Jeremiah J. Snow, Thomas H. Edwards, Abram N. Wells.

QUES. XII.— *Who are supernumerary?*

ANS.—John R. Pickett, Edward J. Pennington, Robert B. Tarrant, Thos. Mitchell, Thos. W. Munnerlyn, Charles Betts, George W. M. Creighton, Allan McCorquodale, Francis M. Morgan, Robert C. Oliver, Oliver Eady, Lewis A. Johnson, Thomas A.

Boone, Robert B. Allston, F. Milton Kennedy, Whitefoord Smith, Samuel B. Jones.

QUES. XIII.—*Who are superannuated?*

ANS.—Nicholas Talley, Joel W. Townsend, David Derrick, William C. Patterson, Alex. W. Walker, Martin I. Banks, Evan A. Lemond, Lewis Scarboro.

QUES. XIV.—*What preachers have died during the past year?*

ROBERT J. BOYD was born in Chester District, South Carolina, Nov. 24th, 1805, and died at the District Parsonage, in Marion, South Carolina, September 3d, 1869, being nearly sixty-four years old.

Our departed brother was religiously trained from childhood, and the care thus bestowed resulted in his early awakening and conversion to God. That awakening was thorough, and his purpose to serve God became at once a settled one. After mature deliberation, he connected himself with the Methodist Church, influenced to this step by a firm conviction of the truth of her doctrines and the excellency of her government. His conversion to God was not realized till some time afterwards; when, as he was returning home from a camp-meeting, deeply anxious about his condition, he obtained the blessing of pardon; and from that day till his death enjoyed the unquestioned assurance of his acceptance with God.

Soon after this event, he felt it his duty to become a Methodist itinerant preacher. Circumstances rendered this impossible at that time, and having graduated in medicine, he gave himself to its practice, at the same time working zealously as a local preacher. He was licensed January 4th, 1830, by the Quarterly Conference of Orangeburg Circuit—William Capers Presiding Elder.

The 17th of June, 1830, he married Miss Rachel Pooser, of Orangeburg District, who still lives to cherish the memory of her departed companion. The Church, and especially we, his brethren and sons in the gospel, will remember her in our prayers to the Judge of the widow.

Success in his profession soon rendered Brother Boyd independent, and he at once responded to the call of duty, entering the missionary work adjacent to Walterboro, South Carolina; the sainted Capers then being Superintendent of Missions in this Conference.

He was ordained Deacon, February 19th, 1834, by Bishop Emory, and Elder, February 14th, 1836, by Bishop Andrew.

He was removed, in 1839, from the mission work, and sent to Marion Circuit. In 1840 and 1841, he traveled the Black Swamp Circuit; in 1842, the Cokesbury Circuit; the next four years he was on the Charleston District. In 1847 and 1848, he traveled the Orangeburg Circuit; in 1849, the Barnwell Circuit; in 1850 and 1851, the Union Circuit; in 1852

and 1853, the Cokesbury Circuit; in 1854, the Laurens Circuit; the next four years he was on the Cokesbury District. In 1859, he was stationed in Camden; in 1860, in Georgetown; the next four years he was on the Columbia District. In 1865 and 1866, he was stationed at Marion, South Carolina. He was appointed to the Marion District at the Conference which met December, 1866, and closed his long life of active service in the discharge of his duties as Presiding Elder, ceasing at once to work and live.

During the spring of 1869, it became evident that the Doctor's strength was failing. He persisted in his work, notwithstanding the opposition of his friends and family, expressing himself desirous of dying in the work. He met his appointments as long as he could ride, and then, after a few weeks of intense suffering, passed away in a moment to his reward.

In the death of Dr. Boyd, we have lost one of our best and wisest men. He held at different times many positions of honor or trust in the gift of his Conference. In every position he bore himself with that simplicity and dignity which most adorn the Christian character. Whether as a Missionary to the negroes, or Pastor, or Presiding Elder, or Delegate to the General Conference, he always met the responsibilities of the occasion calmly and courageously, and always proved himself equal to his work.

His humility was a prominent feature in his character, and this shone all the more brightly from his elevated position among his brethren. So humble was he that you were forced to believe that he himself was ignorant of the weight of his influence and the great force of his well-poised intellect. In this grace he was as a little child.

In every virtue that goes to make up manly character, in every grace that adorns the Christian, in all that constitutes the valued friend and the safe counselor, Dr. Boyd excelled. We have few who were his peers. A good and great man has fallen. Our loss is great; but this great loss to us is to him infinite gain.

"Servant of God, well-done!
Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy."

WHATCOAT ASBURY GAMEWELL, for thirty-six years an effective member of this body, an eminently holy and useful minister of the Gospel, finished his course October 30, 1869, in Spartanburg, S. C. He was the son of Rev. John Gamewell, (a member of this Conference, who died in 1827,) and was born in Darlington District, S. C., May 6, 1814. As the chief support of a widowed mother, with five younger children, his educational advantages were necessarily limited; but he acquired, mainly by self-culture, a degree of elementary scholarship sufficient to enable him to meet the demands of the positions of responsibility and influence to

which, in after life, his superior merits as a Christian minister elevated him. He joined the M. E. Church under the ministry of Josiah Freeman, November 27th, 1831, and professed justifying faith July 11th, 1832. His license to preach bears date November 23d, 1833; and at the following session of this Conference, held in Charleston, February, 1834, he was admitted on trial. His appointments were as follows: 1834, Rutherford Circuit; 1835-36, Charleston—being ordained Deacon February 14th of the latter year by Bishop Andrew; 1837-39, Wateree Mission—being ordained Elder January 14th, 1838, by Bishop Morris; 1840-41, Wilmington Station; 1842, Lincolnton Circuit; 1843-46, Lincolnton District; 1847-50, Cokesbury District; 1851, Charleston; 1852-53, Union Circuit; 1854, Spartanburg Station; 1855-56, Washington Street, Columbia; 1857, Camden; 1858-60, Columbia District; 1861-62, Washington Street, Columbia; 1863, Marion District; 1864-66, Darlington Station; 1867-69, Spartanburg Station. He had thus occupied the various fields of itinerant work as missionary, circuit and station preacher, and presiding elder. He was also four times elected as delegate to the General Conference—only the last time being prevented, by ill health, from attending. No member of this body enjoyed to a greater extent the confidence and love of his clerical brethren; and the hold which he had on the affections of the people was unsurpassed and remarkable. The young and the old, the cultivated and illiterate, members of every Christian denomination and those who belonged to none, were all, with singular unanimity, his friends and admirers. Nor was this uncommon popularity the result of any cause which in the least degree diminishes its value as a tribute to ministerial fidelity and superior moral worth. The elements of his attractive power were not such as are within the reach of mere intellect, learning, or oratory; neither did he hesitate to “reprove, rebuke and exhort,” both in the pulpit and in personal interview; and although very modest, and accustomed to take the humblest views of his own abilities and labors, he was conscientiously courageous and faithful in the discharge of duty, however painful might be its performance. In the pulpit, he always impressed the congregation with a sense of his profound earnestness. He was free from all offensive peculiarities in his manner, diction and teaching, in the pulpit and out of it. With due regard to the received standards of doctrine, and to the most approved exegesis of his text, his preaching was chiefly in a hortatory and persuasive style, enforcing the great truths of Christianity with such obvious sincerity, and with such evident soul-moving interest in the spiritual welfare of those whom he addressed, as never failed to produce effect. He was eminently distinguished as a pastor—being unusually industrious, faithful, prudent and successful in the discharge of his duties in this department of his ministerial labors. His character was one of unusual

beauty, symmetry and completeness. Few men have, to the extent of their gifts, so satisfactorily and successfully met all the claims upon them, both from the church and society. His last days were in harmony with his previous life; and although by no means insensible to the solemnities of the final hour, he was, nevertheless, peacefully resigned to the will of God. His dying utterances were, like his useful and holy life had been, in attestation of the power of the grace of Christ, and he passed away with glorious assurance that over the "last enemy" his victory was triumphantly complete.

QUES. XV.—*Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?*

ANS.—Their names were severally called before the Conference, and their characters passed.

QUES. XVI.—*What is the number of preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference?*

CHARLESTON DISTRICT—S. C. CONFERENCE.

CIRCUITS, STATIONS, AND MISSIONS.	MEMBERS.			BAPTISMS.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					MONEYS COLLECTED.						
	White.	Colored.	White Preachers.	Col'd Preachers.				Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	White Pupils.	Colored Pupils.	Volumes in Library.	For Preachers in Charge.	For Presiding Elder.	For Conference Collection.	For Missions.	For our own Sunday School.	For Education.	For Bishop.
				White Infants.	Colored Infants.	White Adults.	Colored Adults.												
Trinity and Cumberland.....	286		1	15		4		1	39	203		1242	1500 00	215 00	96 00	59 65	202 98	226 35	25 00
Bethel.....	370			21				1	32	193		1905	496 71	59 36	100 00	62 50	165 00	100 00	30 00
Spring Street.....	89			16				1	11	70		275			8 92	7 04		7 04	
Cooper River Circuit.....	173			12				3	8	60		200			17 25	4 00		12 75	5 00
Cypress Circuit.....	320	105	2	53	31	6	24	5	15	60			600 00	135 00	20 34			9 66	5 00
Walterboro Circuit.....	383	135	2	26	21		4	8	98	192		50	619 13	120 11	57 80	25 00	13 25	25 00	15 00
St. George's Circuit.....	412	20	2	42		2		5	37	161		479			71 35	40 00	40 00	25 00	15 00
St. George's Mission.....	184	3		21	3														
Eastern Orange Circuit.....	240	25	1	20		3		3	18	60		84	576 86	103 00	25 00	18 50	2 00	18 50	10 00
Providence Circuit.....	395		1	35		6		5	25	110		310	690 00	138 00	170 00	70 00	42 00	20 00	20 00
St. Matthew's Circuit.....	185			22		4		4	35	158		350	600 00	140 00	100 00	50 00	50 00	66 00	20 00
Upper St. Matthew's Circuit..	121			5	3	1		1	5	20			442 50	95 95	30 00	15 20		10 00	5 00
Total.....	3158	288	7	288	58	26	28	37	253	1287		4895	5535 20	1006 42	696 60	351 83	604 53	500 30	150 00

BAMBERG DISTRICT—S. C. CONFERENCE.

CIRCUITS, STATIONS, AND MISSIONS.	MEMBERS.				BAPTISMS.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				MONEYS COLLECTED.							
	White.	Colored.	White Preachers.	Col'd Preachers.	White Infants.	Colored Infants.	White Adults.	Colored Adults.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	White Pupils.	Colored Pupils.	Volumes in Library.	For Preachers in Charge.	For Presiding Elder.	For Conference Collection.	For Miss'ons.	For our own Sunday School.	For Education.	For Bishop.
Bamberg Circuit.....	300		2		10		20		2	10	50			600 00	100 00	50 00	10 00	25 00	25 00	10 00
Blackville Circuit.....	465		1		13		14		3	26	135			455 00	65 00	30 00	22 00		25 00	10 00
Barnwell Circuit.....	163	22	2				11		1	9	40		92	465 20	32 00	30 00	9 00		6 00	10 00
Aiken and Graniteville Miss.	150	3			3			4	2	20	160		400	534 00		4 00	9 00	20 00		5 00
Lexington Circuit.....	610	129	3		32	15	22	21	11	61	250	107		340 90	53 40	21 00	14 00	20 00	14 00	10 00
Upper Orangeburg Circuit...	200		3		25		20		2	20	83		100	80 00	40 50	9 43	8 85			10 00
Branchville Circuit.....	210				12		1		3	13	54		150	450 00	90 00	50 00	17 00	37 00	5 00	10 00
St. Bartholomew's Circuit...	186		1		13		8		3	62	145		630	508 00	49 65	10 00	8 00	37 00	8 00	10 00
Allendale Circuit.....	546	26	1	1	27	6	41	1	7	30	197	18	390	703 00	96 00	95 00	20 00	18 00	10 00	10 00
Back Swamp Circuit.....	226	92		1	12	4	52	35	1	5	30			703 00	100 00	140 00	114 00	11 00	16 50	10 00
Hardeeville Mission.....	171	35			22		8		2	6	60	17	175	605 00	100 00	16 00	9 66			7 50
	21	30			1	1			1		12		100	16 15				17 25		
Total.....	3248	337	14	1	170	26	197	62	39	268	1206	142	2037	7215 25	776 55	545 43	232 51	128 25	84 50	79 50

MARION DISTRICT—S. C. CONFERENCE.

CIRCUITS, STATIONS, AND MISSIONS.	MEMBERS.				BAPTISMS.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				MONEYS COLLECTED.							
	White.	Colored.	White Preachers.	Col'd Preachers.	White Infants.	Colored Infants.	White Adults.	Colored Adults.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	White Pupils.	Colored Pupils.	Volumes in Library.	For Preachers in Charge.	For Presiding Elders.	For Conference Collection.	For Missions.	For our own Sunday School.	For Education.	For Bishop.
Marion Station.....	161				1				1	18	95		700	715 00	125 00	30 00	30 25	41 00	50 00	10 00
Marion Circuit.....	614		3		23		59		10	56	315		600	880 00	93 00	35 00	10 00	48 00	40 00	10 00
Brownsville Circuit.....	594	58	4		33		40		7	80	379		600	1000 00	100 00	95 00	58 50	130 00	75 00	10 00
Buck Swamp Circuit.....	493		3		61		17		6	47	320		700	171 00	45 00	2 35			5 50	10 00
Liberty Chapel Circuit.....	374	50	3		18		59		7	48	273		360	428 60	113 65	50 00	22 00	35 00		7 25
Darlington Station.....	92				1		3		1	14	50		375	608 00	60 00	16 50	10 25	47 00	50 00	10 00
Darlington Circuit.....	822		7		74		83		9	76	556		1400	700 00	55 25	69 75	55 80	145 00	55 80	10 00
Timmons Station.....	264		1		10		28		6	93	255		395	327 00	25 00	15 50	10 00	25 00		8 00
Lynchburg Circuit.....	610	75	4		9	2	30		3	66	300		600	653 00	68 00	26 00	24 00	61 46	23 00	7 00
Georgetown Station.....	180	1			9				1	18	114		465			18 30	5 20		15 26	8 75
Kingsree and Black River Ct.	651		5		21		1		9	66	712		1344	614 92	93 15	41 60	21 65	95 00	21 65	15 00
Conwayboro Station.....	120	2	1				20		1	20	110		420	320 00	22 00	5 06	5 00	45 00	7 00	3 00
Conwayboro Circuit.....	965	5	6		35		20			89	544 15		572	527 00	39 00	12 15	22 10	55 00		7 00
Wacanamaw Ct. and Mission	281	64	3		30		10			36	195		300	357 91	12 00	12 00	2 95	22 00		7 00
Total.....	6221	255 40			325	2	350		3 85	727	4218 15		8831	7302 43	851 05	419 15	277 70	749 46	323 21	116 00

COLUMBIA DISTRICT—S. C. CONFERENCE.

CIRCUITS, STATIONS, AND MISSIONS.	MEMBERS.				BAPTISMS.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				MONEYS COLLECTED.							
	White.	Colored.	White Preachers.	Colored Preachers.	White Infants.	Colored Infants.	White Adults.	Colored Adults.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	White Pupils.	Colored Pupils.	Volumes in Library.	For Preachers in Charge.	For Presiding Elder.	For Conference Collection.	For Missions.	For our own Sunday School.	For Education.	For Bishop.
Washington Street.....	246		2		16		6		1	23	152		750	800 00	150 00	90 00	50 00	20 00	50 00	15 00
Marion Street.....	164	5			20	2	9		1	16	137		750	493 90	100 00	90 55	36 00	61 90	37 00	12 00
Columbia Circuit.....	251	1	1		18		20		5	25	150		300	437 19	87 60	12 00	3 00	35 05		6 00
Rocky Mount Circuit.....	415		2						4	26	168			900 00	119 00	10 00	10 00	45 00		10 00
Winasboro Circuit.....	96	25			3				1	6	26			381 00	40 00	18 00	15 00		12 00	10 00
Chester Circuit.....	242				7		9		3	16	100		170	950 00	80 00	20 74	16 30	21 00	16 30	
Richland Fork Circuit.....	159	30			7		6		5	34	300		500	300 25	44 00	12 32	9 84	50 00	9 84	
Fairfield Circuit.....	325	75	2		13	2	15	8	6	30	175		700	1010 00	125 00	38 70	30 00	85 16	35 00	15 00
Camden Station.....	85				2		3		1	8	45		560	625 00	50 00	44 00	11 00	14 00		6 50
Sumter Station.....	165				17		5		3	14	109		580	940 03	125 00	41 44	35 53	100 00	35 53	
Sumter Circuit.....	457	3			12		40		3	14	154		210	861 10	136 00	90 00	33 30	64 00	15 00	
Bishopville Circuit.....	719	1	1		6		78		6	29	207		630 00	630 00	124 80	17 00	10 00	13 00	25 36	10 00
Manning Circuit.....	285				29		12		2	16	80		100	445 00	88 04	31 73	25 36	53 99	25 36	
Santee Circuit.....	270		3		13		3		4	24	102		225	528 00	87 00	20 00	37 00	22 00	12 00	12 00
Total.....	3879	135 15	163	4	206	8 43	281	1905	4845	9326 22	1356 44	539 48	311 33	525 14	111 50	233 03				

COKESBURY DISTRICT—S. C. CONFERENCE.

CIRCUITS, STATIONS, AND MISSIONS.	MEMBERS.				BAPTISMS.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				MONEYS COLLECTED.							
	White.	Colored.	White Preachers.	Colored Preachers.	White Infants.	Colored Infants.	White Adults.	Colored Adults.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	White Pupils.	Colored Pupils.	Volumes in Library.	For Preachers in Charge.	For Presiding Elder.	For Conference Collection.	For Missions.	For our own Sunday School.	For Education.	For Bishop.
Cokesbury Station.....	155	1			11		7		2	20	120		600	650 00	50 00	20 00	20 00		20 00	5 00
Cokesbury Circuit.....	424		1		14		16		8	38	272		650	750 00	100 00	100 00	65 00	35 00		15 00
Abbeville Circuit.....	840	2	2		20				7	50	335		1300	1644 00	214 00	100 00	126 00	187 15	62 00	25 00
{ Ninety-Six Circuit.....	385		1		7		14		6	30	200		300	850 00	100 00	200 00	182 12	145 00	127 00	30 00
{ Saluda River Mission.....	76	20							1	7	70							10 00		
Dorn's Mine Circuit.....	400		3		1		40		4	25	175		200	440 00	60 00	50 00	30 00	10 00	30 00	10 00
{ Edgefield Circuit.....	278		2		10		6		4	12	85		350	700 00	75 00	60 25	8 00	15 00		11 00
{ Sav. Riv. Mis. (no report)..																				
Butler Circuit.....	340	267	3		6		10		7	30	200			650 00	80 00	75 00	50 00	50 00	50 00	11 00
Newberry Station.....	78				10				1	15	73		500	700 00	50 00	40 00	15 00	45 00	137 25	10 00
Newberry Circuit.....	640		3		63		49		11	44	500		1000	1031 75	100 00	125 00	105 00	120 00	52 00	16 00
Laurens Circuit.....	575	150	2		40		25		13	75	500		700	900 00	90 00	75 00	50 00	113 00	50 00	16 00
Clinton Circuit.....	285				19		9		4	40	200		400	550 00	60 00	60 00	30 00	50 00		6 00
Reedy River Circuit.....	317	20			11		10		5	30	150		400	490 00	61 00	90 25	75 00	86 50	40 00	16 00
Total.....	4793	460	17		212		186		50	73	2880		64 00	9355 75	1040 00	995 50	786 12	846 65	578 25	171 00

GREENVILLE DISTRICT—S. C. CONFERENCE.

CIRCUITS, STATIONS, AND MISSIONS.	MEMBERS.		BAPTISMS.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				MONEYS COLLECTED.											
	White.	Colored.	White Preachers.	Col'd Preachers.	White Infants.	Colored Infants.	White Adults.	Colored Adults.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	White Pupils.	Colored Pupils.	Volumes in Library.	For Preachers in Charge.	For Presiding Elder.	For Conference Collection.	For Missions.	For our own Sunday School.	For Education.	For Bishop.
Greenville Station.....	120				1				1	20	100		550	640 00	180 00	42 30	17 35	50 00	26 50	10 00
Greenville Circuit.....	566		2		10				5	60	450		500	325 00	20 00	20 00	5 00	200 00	5 00	10 00
Reidville Circuit.....	488		2		5				4	24	250		167	301 75	91 50	9 00	8 00	15 00		5 00
Pickensville Circuit.....	490	21	2		5				4	25	90		75	192 00	53 75	8 08	6 46		6 46	
Walhalla Circuit.....	351				1				3	20	160		350	339 31	23 35	14 01	11 12	20 00	11 12	5 00
Williamston Circuit.....	92				10				6	42	300		250	315 00	50 00	10 25	8 20		21 00	
Seneca and Tugaloo Circuit..	445		2		14				6	42	300		227 07	227 07	53 80	10 25			8 20	
Anderson Station.....	110		2		7				6	6	50		100	550 00	93 35	8 18	6 15	17 00	6 15	5 00
Anderson Circuit.....	351		2		2				5	33	150		197	80 00	65 35					
Pendleton Circuit.....	600		2		10				5	50	450		1050	336 00	74 60	75 00	50 70	87 70	20 00	10 00
Pendleton Colored Mission..		310		1		25			4	25		140	100	114 00	2 00					
Total.....	3613	331	12	1	60	25	52	130	38	305	2000	140	3339	3419 13	507 70	196 82	128 58	507 70	104 43	40 00

SPARTANBURG DISTRICT—S. C. CONFERENCE.

CIRCUITS, STATIONS, AND MISSIONS.	MEMBERS.				BAPTISMS.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				MONEYS COLLECTED.							
	White.	Colored.	White Preachers.	Col'd Preachers.	White Infants.	Colored Infants.	White Adults.	Colored Adults.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	White Pupils.	Colored Pupils.	Volumes in Library.	For Preachers in Charge.	For Presiding Elder.	For Conference Collection.	For Missions.	For our own Sunday School.	For Education.	For Bishop.
Spartanburg Station.....	274	52	3		1		20		3	37	240	147	1000	900 00	140 00	119 00	113 00	50 00	113 00	25 00
Rich Hill Circuit.....	415	90	1		8		20		6	45	325		45	143 48	55 00	2 00	2 00	25 00	5 00	1 00
Pacolet Circuit.....	460	60	2		14	4	20	6	8	40	410		200	350 00	50 00	21 00	5 00	42 00	10 50	9 00
Unionville Station.....	140	150			1		17	1	5	20	130			300 00	53 85	8 00	10 00	37 70	16 00	10 00
Fair Forest Circuit.....	155						8	2	2	13	72			424 75	61 40	19 75	10 85	37 70	15 00	5 00
Cane Creek & Goshen Hill Ct.	835	9	1		11		16	2	3	10	85		150	285 25	73 77	22 100	50 00	10 00	40 00	30 00
Belmont Circuit.....	266		1		4		5		2	8	123		245	73 75	63 50	37 25	4 00	12 00	5 75	5 00
Columbus Circuit.....	300	5					5		5	20	50		250	123 70	91 50	107 20	89 00	4 75	84 00	20 00
Rutherford Circuit.....	279	8	2		3		65		9	59	135		337	690 00	38 70	5 00				5 00
Cherry Mount Mission.....	540	8	2		41		10		5	66	253		175	132 75	51 00	5 00	5 00	88 00	5 00	5 00
Marion (N. C.) Station.....	237	1	1		8		9		1	38	30		30	300 00	42 00	15 00	10 50			5 00
McDowell Circuit.....	53	35	2		4				6	35	201			155 00						5 00
McDowell Circuit.....	433				10															5 00
Total.....	3887	408	13		105	4	171	17	57	358	2316 147		2432	4858 96	737 17	455 20	310 10	257 45	290 50	126 75

SHELBY DISTRICT—S. C. CONFERENCE.

CIRCUITS, STATIONS, AND MISSIONS.	MEMBERS.				BAPTISMS.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS				MONEYS COLLECTED.							
	White.	Colored.	White Preachers.	Col'd Preachers.	White Infants.	Colored Infants.	White Adults.	Colored Adults.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	White Pupils.	Colored Pupils.	Volumes in Library.	For Preachers in Charge.	For Presiding Elders.	For Conference Collection.	For Missions.	For our own Sunday School.	For Education.	For Bishop.
Shelby Station.....	95		1		1		25		1	13	100		250	485 00	27 00	6 00	10 00	20 00	20 00	5 00
Shelby Circuit.....	920	6	9		40				12	105	599		300	480 00	78 00	10 00	5 00		5 00	2 00
Liecolnton Circuit.....	325	10	1		9		15		1	6	45		300	550 00	41 50	8 00	3 75			6 00
South Fork Circuit.....	601	10	3		12	14		7	6	49	244		408	336 36	28 36	17 00	17 76	3 00		6 00
Dallas Circuit.....	167	1			4		5		2	13	70		134	132 80	18 20	2 85		4 50		6 00
Rock Spring Circuit.....	700	25	2		34				5	20	367		775	362 00	58 00	35 00	15 00	4 00	20 00	6 50
Yorkville Station, (no report.)																				
York Circuit.....	263	1	1		29	14			2	17	98		200	215 10	37 50	2 50	5 00	15 00		5 00
Rock Hill Circuit.....	300	1	1		10	20			2	13	85		300	500 00	49 50	8 66	6 92	25 00	6 92	
Pineville Circuit.....	310				10	5			4	20			110							
{ Charlotte Station.....	332	2	2		8	10			1	20	200		600	1300 00	100 00	40 00	32 00	40 00	32 00	14 00
{ Calvary Mission.....	31					5				11	75						6 50	12 00	6 00	
North Charlotte Circuit.....	512				72	16			3	19	53		47	336 35	54 20	23 26	21 23			5 00
Lenoir Circuit.....	725	4	6		21	44			8	64	538		550	600 00	81 00	26 74	21 23		21 23	
{ Newton Circuit.....	750				40	50			7	40	320		300	469 00	43 00	10 65	8 00	23 00	8 00	4 25
{ Happy Home Circuit.....	539	10	1		31	16			5	37	278		255	170 56	41 00	3 00				6 00
Morganton Circuit.....	681	2	2		63	7			5	24	286		400	526 77	97 95	13 78	11 01		11 01	10 00
John's River Mis. (no report.)																				
Davenport Female College.....																				
Total.....	7251	66 25	1		384 14	232	7 65			471	3358		4629	6463 94	755 21	220 92	152 93	152 50	134 92	49 50

WADESBORO DISTRICT—S. C. CONFERENCE.

CIRCUITS, STATIONS, AND MISSIONS.	MEMBERS.				BAPTISMS.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				MONEYS COLLECTED.							
	White.	Colored.	White Preachers.	Col'd Preachers.	White Infants.	Colored Infants.	White Adults.	Colored Adults.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	White Pupils.	Colored Pupils.	Volumes in Library.	For Preachers in Charge	For Presiding Elder.	For Conference Collection.	For Missions.	For our own Sunday School.	For Education.	For Bishop.
Wadesboro Circuit.....	685	73	1		14	1	38		9	42	330		300	680 00		65 00	50 00	18 50	13 00	15 00
Cheraw Station.....	111		4		8		4		2	17	85		500	445 00	75 00	21 60	18 00	25 00	6 10	5 00
{ Bennettsville Circuit.....	1066	10	1		36		108		9	52	307		700	1100 00	100 00	125 00	125 00	95 25	125 00	15 00
{ Pee Dee Mission.....	180				15		12		3	20	150			30 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	16 00		10 00
Ansonville Circuit.....	378				15		23		4	17	170		550	536 57	59 61	20 00	22 75	30 00		10 00
Albemarle Circuit.....	700	20			50	10	10		11	60	400		1000	460 00	50 00	25 50	17 00	22 00	20 00	10 00
Concord Circuit.....	265	15			37		9		3	25	160		225	445 00	47 75	14 70	10 00	13 40	1 70	10 00
Mount Pleasant Circuit.....	418	6			34		9		1	9	55		1500	485 00	60 00	22 00	9 00	15 00	20 00	5 00
{ Lancaster Circuit.....	66				1		3		5	15	125		250	509 00	60 00	22 00	9 00	30 00	20 00	5 00
{ Hanging Rock Circuit.....	325				8		3		8	35	195		300	460 00	57 00	30 00	20 00	30 00	20 00	5 00
Chesterfield Circuit.....	464	2			33		49		8	35	100		207	342 00	38 00	25 00	16 70	32 00	10 00	5 00
Monroe Station.....	97	4			2		3		1	15	100		350	305 65	25 00	5 00	3 00	5 40		6 30
Monroe Circuit.....	657				34		8		7	35	210		250	364 20	50 00	2 10	16 00			5 00
Pleasant Grove Circuit.....	590	1			38	12	18	4	5	50	220		950	430 00	43 00	9 00				5 00
South Charlotte Circuit.....	700		1		30		40		5	3	175									5 00
Total.....	6702	131	31		353	23	331	4	76	420	2857		7082	6573 52	745 36	375 90	317 45	302 55	105 80	104 30

RECAPITULATION—S. C. CONFERENCE.

DISTRICTS.	MEMBERS.				BAPTISMS.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				MONEYS COLLECTED.							
	White.	Colored.	White Preachers.	Colored Preachers.	White Infants.	Colored Infants.	White Adults.	Colored Adults.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	White Pupils.	Colored Pupils.	Volumes in Library.	For Preachers in Charge.	For Presiding Elder.	For Conference Collection.	For Missions.	For our own Sunday School.	For Education.	For Bishop.
Charleston District.....	3158	288	7	1	288	58	26	28	37	253	1287	142	4895	5635 20	1006 42	696 66	351 89	604 53	500 30	150 00
Bainberg	3248	337	14	1	170	26	197	62	39	268	1206	15	2037	5215 25	776 55	545 43	232 51	228 25	84 50	79 50
Marion	6221	255	40		325	2	350	3	85	727	4218		8831	7302 43	851 05	419 15	277 70	749 46	323 21	116 00
Columbia	389	135	15		163	4	206	8	43	281	1905		4845	7940 32	1043 64	1356 44	311 33	525 14	196 03	111 50
Cokesbury	4793	460	17		212		186	50	73	416	2830		6400	9355 75	1040 00	995 50	786 12	846 65	578 25	171 00
Greenville	3313	331	12	1	60	25	52	130	38	305	2000	140	3339	3419 13	507 70	196 82	128 58	507 70	104 43	40 00
Spartanburg	3887	408	13		105	4	171	17	57	348	2316	147	2432	4858 96	737 17	455 20	310 10	257 45	290 50	126 75
Wadesboro	6702	131	31		353	23	331	4	76	420	2857		7082	6573 52	745 36	375 90	317 45	302 55	105 80	104 30
Shelby	7281	66	25	1	384	14	232	7	65	471	3358		4629	6463 94	755 21	220 92	152 93	152 50	134 92	49 50
Total 1869	42752	2111	174	3	2060	156	1753	309	513	3489	22027	444	44490	56764 50	7466 10	4440 06	2868 91	4368 23	2317 94	*948 55
Total 1868	40395	1342	182	14	1901	130	1071	321	464	3063	18916	882	36331	43353 15	6095 60	3201 96	2620 64	3401 27	1341 85	1147 15
Increase.....	2357				159	26	678		49	426	3111		8159	12311 35	1370 50	1238 10	248 27	966 96	976 09	
Decrease.....		1931	8	12				12			438									

* Wrong, because of imperfect returns. The whole claim was collected.

QUES. XVII.—*How many infants and adults have been baptized during the year?*

ANS.—2,060 white, and 156 colored infants; 1,751 white, and 309 colored adults.

QUES. XVIII.—*What is the number of Sunday schools, teachers and scholars?*

ANS.—513 Sunday schools; 3,489 officers and teachers; 22,027 white, and 444 colored pupils.

QUES. XIX.—*What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and widows and orphans of preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance in their respective districts, circuits and stations?*

ANS.—\$6,450.

QUES. XX.—*What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?*

ANS.—\$4,357.40 have been collected and paid out in accordance with the provisions of the discipline.

QUES. XXI.—*What has been contributed for the Missionary and Tract Societies?*

ANS.—For Domestic Missions, \$2,828.91; Mission debt, \$558.75; Tract cause, ———.

QUES. XXII.—*When and where shall the next session of the Conference be held?*

ANS.—Charleston, S. C.; at such time as the Bishops may appoint.

QUES. XXIII.—*Where are the preachers stationed this year?*

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1870.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.
CHARLESTON DISTRICT.	
Charleston—Trinity and Cumberland.....	W. P. Mouzon.
Charleston—Bethel.....	T. E. Wannamaker.
Charleston—Spring Street.....	J. T. Wightman.
Cooper River Circuit.....	W. J. Hutson, supply, and J. F. England.
Cypress Circuit.....	To be supplied by A. R. Danner.
Walterboro Circuit.....	W. Carson.
St. George's Circuit.....	W. Hutto.
St. George's Mission.....	To be supplied.
Eastern Orange Circuit.....	B. G. Jones.
Providence Circuit.....	J. C. Stoll, E. J. Pennington, sup.
St. Matthew's Circuit.....	J. L. Sifley.
Upper St. Matthew's Circuit.....	J. E. Watson.
BAMBERG DISTRICT.	
Bamberg Circuit.....	Thomas Raysor.
Blackville Circuit.....	C. Wilson, and C. C. Fishburn, supply; R. B. Tarrant, sup.
{ Barnwell Circuit.....	J. E. Penny.
{ Aiken and Graniteville Mission	E. G. Gage.
Lexington Circuit.....	A. Nettles.
Upper Orange Circuit.....	To be supplied.
Orangeburg Circuit.....	F. Auld.
Branchville Circuit.....	T. J. Clyde.
St. Bartholomew's Circuit.....	J. W. Crider.
Allendale Circuit.....	W. A. Clark.
{ Black Swamp Circuit.....	L. C. Loyal.
{ Hardeeville Mission.....	J. R. Coburn.
MARION DISTRICT.	
Marion Station.....	J. A. Porter.
Marion Circuit.....	L. M. Little.
Brownsville Circuit.....	W. C. Power.
Buck Swamp Circuit.....	A. Ervin.
Liberty Chapel Circuit.....	Wm. Thomas.

APPOINTMENTS—CONTINUED.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.
Darlington Station.....	W. T. Capers.
{ Darlington Circuit.....	P. G. Bowman.
{ Timmons ville Circuit.....	G. H. Wells.
Lynchburg Circuit.....	D. J. McMillan.
Georgetown Station	H. A. C. Walker.
Kingstree and Black River Cir- cuit	W. W. Jones.
Conwayboro Station.....	Aug. W. Walker.
{ Conwayboro Circuit.....	J. B. Platt.
{ Waccamaw Circuit and Mission	S. P. H. Elwell; C. Betts, sup.
COLUMBIA DISTRICT.	S. H. BROWNE, P. E.
{ Columbia—Washington Street..	W. Martin.
{ City Mission.....	To be supplied.
Columbia—Marion Street.....	W. W. Mood.
Columbia Circuit.....	J. A. Clifton.
Richland Fork Circuit.....	D. W. Seale.
{ Santee Circuit.....	J. B. Campbell.
{ Manchester Mission.....	To be supplied.
Manning Circuit	S. J. Hill.
Sumter Station	H. M. Mood.
Sumter Circuit.....	J. W. Murray, B. F. Dixon.
Bishopville Circuit.....	L. Wood, A. McCorquodale, sup.
Camden Station.....	J. W. Humbert.
Rocky Mount Circuit.....	J. M. Boyd.
Chester Circuit	J. S. Nelson; J. R. Pickett, sup.
Winnsboro Circuit.....	A. G. Gantt; G. W. M. Creigh- ton, sup.
Fairfield Circuit.....	J. L. Shuford.
COKEsbury DISTRICT.	W. H. FLEMING, P. E.
Cokesbury Station.....	A. J. Stafford.
Cokesbury Circuit.....	J. A. Mood.
Abbeville Station.....	G. F. Round.
Abbeville Circuit.....	J. J. Workman, T. S. Daniel.
Lowndesville Circuit.....	M. Brown.
{ Ninety-Six Circuit.....	T. G. Herbert.
{ Saluda River Mission..	W. H. Lawton.
Dorn's Mine Circuit.....	R. L. Duffie.

APPOINTMENTS—CONTINUED.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.
{ Edgefield Circuit.....	J. T. Kilgo.
{ Savannah River Mission.....	R. M. Harrison.
Butler Circuit.....	J. H. Zimmerman.
Newberry Station.....	O. A. Darby.
Newberry Circuit.....	A. J. Canthen, G. T. Harmon.
Laurens Circuit.....	P. F. Kistler.
Clinton Circuit.....	J. S. Connor.
Tumbling Shoals Circuit.....	J. M. Carlisle.
GREENVILLE DISTRICT.	A. B. STEPHENS, P. E.
Greenville Station.....	S. A. Weber.
Greenville Circuit.....	J. Attaway.
Reidville Circuit.....	J. C. Crisp.
Pickensville Circuit.....	W. Bowman.
Walhalla Circuit.....	Supplied by F. Smith; F. M. Morgan, sup.
Williamston Circuit.....	J. A. Wood.
Seneca Circuit.....	D. D. Byars.
Anderson Station.....	W. A. Hodges.
Anderson Circuit.....	C. V. Barnes.
Pendleton Circuit.....	J. B. Traywick.
SPARTANBURG DISTRICT.	R. P. FRANKS, P. E.
Spartanburg Station.....	W. Smith, sup.
{ Spartanburg Circuit.....	J. D. Carpenter.
{ Cherokee Springs.....	R. C. Oliver, sup.
Unionville Station.....	A. J. Stokes.
Rich Hill Circuit.....	N. K. Melton.
Pacolet Circuit.....	J. Watts.
Fair Forest Circuit.....	M. H. Hoyle.
Cane Creek and Goshen Hill Circuit.....	J. W. McRoy.
Belmont Circuit.....	J. B. Massebeau.
Columbus Circuit.....	H. J. Morgan.
{ Rutherford Circuit.....	V. A. Sharpe, T. P. England.
{ Cherry Mount Mission.....	To be supplied by L. C. White.
{ Marion and McDowell Circuit.....	J. R. Griffith, M. G. Tuttle.
{ Upper Broad River Mission.....	Supplied by A. M. Long.
Wofford College.....	A. M. Shipp, Pres't, W. Smith and A. H. Lester, Professors.

APPOINTMENTS—CONTINUED.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.
Spartanburg Female College.....	S. B. Jones, (sup.,) President.
WADESBORO DISTRICT.	W. S. BLACK, P. E.
Wadesboro Circuit.....	R. R. Pegues, S. M. Davis; F. M. Kennedy, sup.
Cheraw Station... ..	J. R. Little.
Bennettsville Circuit.....	C. H. Pritchard.
Meldrum Circuit.....	W. L. Pegues.
Ansonville Circuit.....	J. W. Puett; T. A. Boone, sup.
Albemarle Circuit.....	J. C. Hartsell.
Concord Circuit.....	S. Leard.
Mt. Pleasant Circuit.....	J. Finger.
{ Lancaster Station.....	C. Thomason.
{ Hanging Rock Circuit ...	S. Jones.
Chesterfield Circuit.....	To be supplied by J. Sandford; O. Eady, sup.
Monroe Station.....	W. T. McClellion.
Monroe Circuit.....	J. W. Abernethy.
Pleasant Grove Circuit..	C. E. Land.
South Charlotte Circuit.	To be supplied by R. M. Brown.
Book and Tract Agency.....	To be supplied.
SHELBY DISTRICT.	E. J. MEYNARDIE, P. E.
Shelby Station.....	J. W. North.
Shelby Circuit.....	J. S. Ervin.
Lincolnton Circuit.....	W. D. Lee.
South Fork Circuit.....	J. J. Prather.
Rock Spring Circuit.....	A. P. Avant.
Dallas Circuit.....	J. T. McElhaney.
Yorkville Station.....	R. L. Harper; L. A. Johnson, sup.
York Circuit	To be sup. by G. W. Gatlin.
Rock Hill Circuit.....	M. A. Connolly; R. B. Alston, sup.
Pineville Circuit..	W. S. Haltom.
{ Charlotte Station.....	E. W. Thompson.
{ Calvary Mission.....	To be supplied.
North Charlotte Circuit.....	R. R. Dagnall.
Lenoir Circuit.....	P. L. Herman.

APPOINTMENTS—CONTINUED.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.
Newton Circuit.....	D. May.
Happy Home Circuit.....	To be supplied by R. L. Abernethy.
Morganton Circuit.....	G. W. Ivy.
Davenport Female College.....	S. Lander.
COKEBURY COLORED DISTRICT.	
	To be sup. by R. M. VALENTINE, P. E.
Greenwood Circuit.....	To be supplied.
Flat Woods Circuit.....	To be sup. by A. Johnson.
Willington Circuit.....	To be sup. by W. Tucker.
Warrenton Circuit.....	To be supplied.
Lowndesville Circuit.....	To be sup. by E. Jones.
Harrisburg Circuit.....	To be sup. by N. Chiles.
Butler Circuit.....	To be sup. by Richard Moses.
Cokesbury Circuit.....	To be sup. by Geo. Jones.

Jos. Parker, transferred to East Texas Conference.

A. G. Stacy, transferred to Missouri Conference.

RESOLUTIONS, REPORTS, etc.

The following resolutions, reports, etc., were adopted at the last Session of the South Carolina Conference, held at Cheraw, S. C. :

PUBLISHING THE ROLL.

Resolved, That the Committee on Publication of the Minutes are hereby instructed to insert in the next issue of that document a complete roll of the clerical and lay members of the Conference.

BISHOP ANDREW.

Resolved, That we hail with inexpressible pleasure the presence of our venerated and beloved Bishop Andrew among us, and receive him with the most cordial welcome ; and that we unite our prayers that his valuable life may be still prolonged, and that God's richest blessing may be his portion.

METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Conference be directed to reply to the communication of the fraternal messenger of the Methodist Protestant Church, reciprocating the kind feelings expressed in his letter ; and that the Presiding Elder of the Greenville District be appointed a fraternal messenger from this Conference to the next session of the South Carolina District Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Resolved, That Dr. F. L. Zemp, of Camden, S. C., is hereby authorized to receive from Mr. John M. DeSaussure, of Camden, S. C., the one hundred dollars agreed to be paid by him for Good Hope Church, formerly of Wateree Mission ; and that Dr. Zemp is hereby instructed to pay the same to Samuel H. Young, to be appropriated to the rebuilding of St. John's Church, on Sumter Circuit.

CIRCLES OF PRAYER.

Resolved, That this Conference has heard with great pleasure the communications made by Drs. I. Branch and G. W. Pressly, delegates from the Convention of Circles of Prayer in Abbeville District ; and that we do heartily respond to the Christian sentiments expressed by them, and that we extend our cordial sympathies to them and the cause they represent ; and that we recommend the establishment of these circles by our preachers whenever practicable.

BIBLE SOCIETY.

1. *Resolved*, That our confidence in the American Bible Society is undiminished ; and that we will, as in days past, give it our cordial support.

2. *Resolved*, That we will welcome to our respective charges the worthy and indefatigable Agent of the Society for South Carolina, the Rev. E. A. Bolles, and that we will co-operate with him in his Christian and philanthropic work.

BISHOP KAVANAUGH.

Whereas we are now enjoying the first visit of Bishop Kavanaugh to our Conference, we deem it fit and proper to give expression to our sentiments on the occasion. Therefore,

Resolved, That Bishop Kavanaugh, [not in the Chair,] by his urbanity and ability in the pulpit, in the chair, and in his social intercourse as a brother, as a preacher and as a Bishop, has won all our hearts and commands the approval of our judgments; and that we shall always be ready to hail his return with gladness and welcome.

DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER.

Resolved, That the third Friday in April be appointed as a day of fasting and prayer, to be observed in all our circuits and stations, with special reference to the blessing of God upon the sessions of the General Conference.

EXPENSES OF DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Resolved, That the amount necessary to defray the expenses of our delegates to the General Conference be ascertained by the Board of Presiding Elders, and by them distributed to their respective Districts, and by each Presiding Elder to the several Circuits and Stations in his District, and collected before the 1st of March; each preacher sending the amount collected from his charge to the nearest delegate.

STATISTICAL BLANKS.

Resolved, That the blanks for statistics to be presented for next year embrace the following items, viz: White members, colored members; white preachers, colored preachers; white adults baptized, colored adults baptized; white infants baptized, colored infants baptized; number of Sunday schools, officers and teachers; white pupils, colored pupils; volumes in library; value of Church property; number of churches; number of parsonages; assessment for Preacher in Charge, amount raised for Preacher in Charge; assessment for Presiding Elder, amount raised for Presiding Elder; assessment for Conference collection, amount raised for Conference collection; assessment for Missions, amount raised for Missions; assessment for Education, amount raised for Education; assessment for Bishops, amount raised for Bishops; amount raised for Sunday schools; amount raised for other benevolent purposes.

Resolved, That A. M. Chrietberg be hereby requested to preach his sermon on "the duty of consecrating our worldly substance to the service of Christ," before the South Carolina Conference, at its next annual session.

PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elder of the Columbia District and the preachers stationed in Columbia constitute a Committee to prepare the Minutes for the press and supervise their publication.

THANKS.

1. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered

to the citizens of Cheraw and vicinity for the kind and generous hospitality which they have exhibited to the members of this body during its present session.

2. That the thanks of the Conference are also tendered to the pastors and congregations of their churches in this community who have placed their houses of worship at our service during the present session.

3. That the Conference appreciates the courtesy of the several Railroad Companies who have kindly passed the members of this body over their roads at reduced rates of fare, and extends to them our thanks.

Rev. D. J. Simmons was elected to preach the annual sermon before the under-graduates at the next session of the Conference.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education present the following report of the condition and prospects of the several institutions of learning under the patronage of the South Carolina Conference, founded on the different papers referred to them for consideration :

WOFFORD COLLEGE, SPARTANBURG C. H., SO. CA.

The first session of the sixteenth collegiate year commenced in this institution on Monday, 4th October last, with a patronage of one hundred and five students in the College and Preparatory Schools. The number in attendance during the preceding session, beginning on Monday, 4th January last, was one hundred and twenty. The patronage of the College for the current scholastic year would have been, without doubt, largely in excess of all former years, had not the excessive drought of the summer cut short the crops of the State, with the success or failure of which the numbers in attendance at the institution must of necessity fluctuate. The literary and religious condition of the College was never sounder than at present. The absolute punctuality of so large a number in attendance upon all scholastic duties and the amount of application to studies on the part of the students generally are highly gratifying to the Committee, and they record with pleasure the uniform good order and correct moral deportment which continue to characterize the young men of the College. It is a gratification, which they can find no language to express, to be able to say, without exaggeration, what a growing attention from year to year has been given to the noblest purposes for which colleges are founded, and how the young men who frequent the halls of Wofford

have advanced in respect for religion and in earnest attention to its duties. Here not only is the fire of genius cherished and the lamp of philosophy trimmed, but here also burns brightly the candle which God has lighted for a benighted world. About three-fourths of the students are members of the Church, and evince a solid piety by a punctual attendance upon the ordinances of God's house and a diligent use of all the means of grace. In addition to the seven promising young men who are pursuing a course of studies with an immediate view to the work of the itinerant ministry, the minds of a number more, it is believed, are turned to the holy office. The Committee would not withhold from the Conference, as a specimen of the letters which from time to time are sent to the Faculty and serve to cheer them in their arduous and responsible labors, the following brief extract of one from a patron of the College, dated 8th March, 1869, and immediate subsequent to the gracious revival with which the institution this year was again favored: "We feel rich in our poverty; and would not exchange the conversion of our son (13th February) for all the wealth of the Indies. It was to secure this very end that we left the home of our ancestors and have lived in exile among strangers. We felt persuaded that if we could obtain the means of sending him to Wofford, God would convert him. Our self-denial for his good seemed full of folly to some, but this happy result has proven the wisdom of the act. We bless God that he has put it into the hearts of good men to build up and sustain such a college as Wofford, to which we can send our sons with almost a certainty that they will be converted. In other educational advantages, we know that she ranks among the first institutions of the land, but her chief glory consists in her wonderful success in initiating our sons into the highest science—the consciousness of God reconciled in the soul, and in the training of their spirits for heaven."

The Committee call the earnest attention of the Conference to the present financial condition of the College. The tuition fees of the current year will amount to about \$3,000. The average amount contributed by the Conference from year to year for the relief of the institution has been about \$1,500—less than *four cents* per year for each white member of the Church within the Conference. For the support of five Professors, with large families, \$4,500 are wholly inadequate. The Committee recommend for the

relief of the College for the ensuing year an appropriation of \$8,000, to be raised by the several Presiding Elders' Districts on the plan recommended in the report of last year, of which \$6,000 shall go for the support of the Faculty, and \$2,000, should so much additional be raised, shall go for improving the College Campus, repairing the buildings, and for such other purposes as may be determined by the Executive Committee of the Trustees. In furtherance of the collection to be raised for the College, the Committee call particular attention to the appeal of the President of the institution, bearing date of 14th January, 1869 :

To the Preachers and Members of the M. E. Church, South, within the bounds of the South Carolina Conference.

DEAR BRETHREN: The collection for Education ordered by the Conference at Marion, (1866,) and continued at its session at Morganton, (1867,) and Abbeville C. H., (1868,) introduces nothing new in Methodism, but is in accurate conformity with plans adopted by Mr. Wesley himself, and sanctioned by the Church both in England and America.

At the thirteenth Conference, which convened in Bristol, August 26th, 1756, a whole day (Saturday, 28th,) was devoted to the subject of education, as involved in Kingswood School, and resulted in the adoption of the following resolutions, viz :

"1. That a short account of the design and present state of the school be read by every assistant in every society.

"2. That a subscription for it begun in every place, and (if need be) a *collection* made every year."

Accordingly, Mr. Wesley prepared "a short account" to encourage the people to contribute, "and made special sermons in aid of the collections." "From this time," says Mr. Myles, whose Chronological History of the Methodists is brought down to 1812, "a public collection has been made through all the societies once in every year for Kingswood School."

At the General Conference held in Baltimore, (1840,) a very able report on Education, written by Dr. Few, of Georgia, and read to the Conference by Rev. S. K. Hodges, closes as follows, viz:

"Your Committee, in view of the vast importance of this great trust (education) committed to the church for the purpose of making a permanent provision for sustaining our literary institutions, recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

"*Resolved*, That any Annual Conference may direct public collections to be taken up by the preachers in charge of circuits and stations in each society, one in each *year*, for the purpose of sustaining the literary institutions under its control or patronage, if it should judge it expedient so to do, or may adopt such other

measures for that end as may seem to the members thereof most advisable."

May we not, then, confidently say to you all, in behalf of the collection ordered for the relief of Wofford College, what Mr. Wesley said in the interests of the Kingswood School: "The expense of such an undertaking is very large, so that we are ill able to defray it. The best means we could think of at our Conference to supply the deficiency is, once a year, to desire the assistance of all those in every place who wish well to the work of God; who long to see sinners converted to God, and the kingdom of Christ set up in all the earth. All of you, who are thus minded, have an opportunity now of showing your love for the Gospel. Now promote, as far as in you lies, one of the noblest charities in the world. Now forward, as you are able, one of the most excellent designs that ever was set on foot in this (State) kingdom. You will be no poorer for what you do on such an occasion. God is a good paymaster. And you know in doing this you lend unto the Lord. In due time He shall pay you again."

Very respectfully,

A. M. SHIPP, President.

The Committee also call special attention to the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Trustees, viz:

"*Resolved*, That as a Board we are more than ever convinced of the necessity of sustaining Wofford College, and earnestly urge each member of the Conference to increased efforts in raising the appropriations for this object, by calling the attention of the people to the intimate connection subsisting between the success of the institution and the prosperity of the Church.

"*Resolved*, That as a Board of Trustees we cordially approve the action of its several District Meetings in relation to the education of a young man from each district for the ministry, and earnestly recommend prompt measures in raising the amount necessary to meet their board bills—their tuition fees being remitted by the Faculty."

The next session of the College and the Schools will begin on the first Monday in January, 1870.

COLLEGE FACULTY.—Rev. A. M. Shipp, D. D., President and Professor of Mental and Moral Science; David Duncan, A. M., Professor of Ancient Languages and Literature; Rev. Whitefoord Smith, D. D., Professor of English Literature; Warren DuPre, A. M., Professor of Natural Science; J. H. Carlisle, LL. D., Professor of Mathematics; Rev. A. H. Lester, A. M., Professor of History and Biblical Literature.

DIVINITY SCHOOL.—Rev. A. M. Shipp, D. D., Rev. Whitefoord Smith, D. D., Rev. A. H. Lester, A. M.

Preparatory School under the supervision of the Faculty—John W. Shipp, A. B., Principal.

TRUSTEES.—S. Bobo, A. M. Shipp, J. R. Pickett, C. Betts, H. A. C. Walker, W. Martin, W. P. Mouzon, H. M. Mood, H. Wofford, G. W. Williams, W. J. T. Miller, J. H. Dogan, Rob't Bryce.

DAVENPORT FEMALE COLLEGE.

The Davenport Female College, at Lenoir, N. C., has just closed a year of remarkable prosperity, both financial and spiritual. Its boarding department has been filled to its utmost capacity, and every pupil of the College, save only two, has been soundly converted to God. The signal spiritual prosperity of the institution during the past year calls for devout thanksgiving to Almighty God, and the Committee freely recommend the College to the confidence and support of such of our people as desire to secure for their daughters a thorough Christian education.

The Board of Trustees, encouraged by the success of the current year, propose to enlarge the College building at an early day: in relation to which the Committee advise prudent caution to be observed; and with this qualification, recommend a cordial welcome to be extended to the President in such charges of our Conference as he may deem it advisable to visit.

TRUSTEES.—Jas. C. Harper, President; S. P. Dula, Secretary; E. W. Jones, Treasurer; Presiding Elder of Shelby District, *ex-officio*, Preacher in Charge of Lenoir Circuit, P. F. Kistler, S. Lander, John Rutherford, Jas. C. Claywell, Azer Shell, Preachers in Charge of Marion Station, Morganton Circuit and Newton Circuit.

SPARTANBURG FEMALE COLLEGE.

This property formerly belonged to the South Carolina Conference, and was held in trust by a Board appointed by your body. It was, however, involved in debt to a considerable amount, and two years ago, under the operation of the Bankrupt Act, was sold out by the Trustees and purchased by certain of the creditors.

Learning that negotiations were in progress by which the property was about to pass out of our hands and control forever, at the suggestion of certain brethren and after consultation with

others, the Rev. S. B. Jones and Rev. Jas. F. Smith purchased the property, with the pledge that they would refit, repair and open the College at an early day.

These gentlemen request the Conference to make the Spartanburg Female College, as it formerly was, a Conference institution; they offering to the Conference the same moral control and the same privileges as to the daughters of its ministers formerly enjoyed; while at the same time we are entirely relieved of all pecuniary responsibility.

The buildings are now undergoing repairs, and the College will be opened for the reception of pupils on the 1st day of February next.

The Committee recommend to the Conference to accept the Spartanburg Female College, on the terms proposed, as a Conference institution, worthy the patronage of our people; and also that the Bishop be requested to appoint the Rev. S. B. Jones President of the institution.

VISITING COMMITTEE.—J. R. Griffith, A. J. Stokes and V. A. Sharpe.

CAROLINA FEMALE COLLEGE.

There is no information before the Committee from the Trustees of this institution, and we regret to learn, indirectly, that its condition is not so prosperous as formerly, and that its indebtedness still remains. Such is the financial condition of the country, that we can suggest no means of relief, however deeply we sympathize with the Trustees and friends of the College.

TRUSTEES.—W. G. Smith, Purdie Richardson, E. G. Kendall, W. C. Smith, W. P. Kendall, C. Wooly, T. A. Boone, R. R. Pegues, J. R. Little, Presiding Elder Wadesboro District, Preachers in Charge of Wadesboro Circuit, Ansonville Circuit and Wadesboro Station.

COKESBURY SCHOOL.

In 1833, the South Carolina Conference resolved to open a Preparatory School for colleges, and appointed the five Presiding Elders to receive propositions and select a suitable location. This movement resulted in the establishment of the Cokesbury School, which has had a long and honorable career in our Conference. The Committee, therefore, cannot at present view with favor the

proposition to change the character and relations of this institution, but advise that patient and earnest efforts may be made for another year on the part of the Trustees and citizens of Cokesbury and surrounding country, to restore prosperity to this venerable school, that it may ever remain a cherished memento of the early efforts of the fathers of this Conference to advance the cause of Christian education.

TRUSTEES.—F. A. Connor, Jas. F. Smith, G. W. Hodges, F. F. Gary, S. Leard, S. B. Jones, W. H. Lawton, W. H. Fleming and J. T. Kilgo.

In conclusion, the Committee recommend for adoption by the Conference the following resolutions, viz:

1. That the Presiding Bishop be respectfully requested to appoint to our institutions of learning such members of the Conference as have been elected to fill chairs of instruction.

2. That as a body of Christian ministers and laymen, we are profoundly convinced of the importance of giving a religious education to the youth of our country, and we will use our best endeavors to promote the interests of all our institutions of learning, recommending them in our intercourse with the people obtaining for them as many students as possible, and heartily co-operating in raising such funds as have been voted by the Conference.

THE COLUMBIA FEMALE COLLEGE.

The Committee on the Columbia Female College beg leave to state, that having carefully examined the condition of the College, think an elaborate report unnecessary, and present the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas the Columbia Female College is in debt, according to the report of its Trustees, which report is presented with this paper, to the amount of fifteen thousand and seven hundred dollars (15,700,) including the interest on the bonded debt of the College, with all other liabilities; and

Whereas a large portion of this bonded debt is due to some of the said Trustees, which creates the anomalous condition of a party necessitated to negotiate a debt with itself; and

Whereas it is believed that it is indispensable to the interests of Methodism and religious education in the State, that this institution be opened at an early date; and

Whereas it is essential to the speedy re-opening of the College, that the debts be liquidated: Therefore

Resolved, 1. That it is the judgment of this body that the said Board be re-organized, to the end that the financial affairs of the College may be adjusted at an early day.

Resolved, 2. That in view of the general financial depression which prevails throughout our Conference territory, that the Board of Trustees elect, be authorized to settle the claims against the College on the most favorable terms practicable.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—J. W. Kelly, F. M. Kennedy, A. B. Stephens, W. C. Power, S. Leard, A. J. Cauthen, O. A. Darby, E. J. Meynardie, D. J. Simmons, M. Brown, T. S. Daniel, J. H. Zimmerman, R. Bryce, Geo. W. Williams, R. D. Senn, W. Glaze, J. H. Stelling, Joseph Lauhon, A. A. Gilbert, W. L. J. Reid, E. T. Rembert, J. H. Kinsler, Robert Moorman, H. T. Wright.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Ability to report the interests of the Sunday School cause manifestly on the increase, is matter of rejoicing. The Board cannot express too strongly its sense of the importance of surrounding the children of the Church with an atmosphere of piety. Let every Church have its Sunday School, and let every pastor do his utmost to bring all the children to Christ.

The Treasurer of the Board reports the sum of \$870.13 collected by Rev. S. Leard, Agent. This amount has been appropriated to the Agent as his salary.

While the Board fully appreciate the zeal and devotion of the Agent during the year, it nevertheless respectfully recommends the discontinuance of the Agency.

MISSIONS.

Extract from the Report of the Missionary Board, 1869.

Our Conference devotes most of the funds collected from the churches to support missions, within our own territory. Destitute places in South and North Carolina have the Gospel preached by missionaries supported from our treasury—if an average salary of \$200 can be called a support.

It is a noble work to preach Jesus to the poor of our own land ; but are we doing all that we ought to do ? Think of it ! Five cents a week from each of the 40,000 members of our Church in this Conference would furnish for missionary purposes the sum of \$104,000. Less than \$3,000 was contributed last year. Truly these figures reveal a deplorable indifference to the farewell command of the ascending Master : "Go ye into all the world." The truth is, the large majority of our people give nothing to missions. To educate their congregations on this subject is perhaps the most important work our ministry have to perform. Let every Church—let every Sunday School—be organized into an auxiliary Missionary Society, and the gifts of the members will not only support a number of domestic missions, but erect in some heathen land a permanent light-house to disperse the darkness and reveal the Saviour. Why may not the South Carolina Conference support its own foreign missionary station ? Imagine the great High Priest in our midst to-night, wearing sacred scars on his brow, and hands, and feet, and side. Would not *his wounds* plead with irresistible power for the heathen ? Imagine him speaking to us. What word more likely to fall from his lips than this : "Go ye into all the world ?"

Great events are before us. Wonderful discoveries have prepared the way for wonderful work. Continents converse with continents, the depths of the sea being used as a whispering-gallery for nations. And now that the gates of the East are thrown open, and the heathen are bringing their household gods to our shores, what is the spiritual condition of Christendom ? An imposing ritualism and a paralyzing worldliness in religion, a defiant materialism in philosophy, a shameless animalism in society, oppose the zeal and threaten the life of evangelical Christianity. Strange, indeed, does it appear, that while Protestant divines are embracing the doctrines and despotism of Rome, the greatest of the eloquent monks of Europe preaches "salvation in Jesus, by grace alone, through faith, known and realized in blessed peace and power." The Lord reigns. Jesus walks over the angry billows. The tempests shall work out His will. Let us watch and pray, work and wait.

The following exhibits the state of the Missionary work in our Conference territory :

Aiken and Graniteville Mission was served by Rev. Augustine

W. Walker, who reports, white members 150, colored members 3; infants baptized 3; Sunday Schools 2, officers and teachers 20, scholars 150; volumes in library 550; periodicals 65; amount for Missions, \$100. 2 churches and one parsonage.

Hardeeville Mission was served by Rev. J. R. Coburn, and was continued. White members 26, colored members 30; infants baptized 2, colored adult baptized 1; Sunday Schools 1, officers and teachers 6, scholars—whites 12, colored 17; churches 4; money for Missions \$16.15, for Sunday Schools \$17.25.

Saluda River Mission was but partially served this year. There are 75 white members, 20 colored members; 70 S. S. scholars, 7 officers and teachers; 40 members admitted this year; prospects improving. Continued.

Cherry Mount Mission was served by Rev. L. C. White, who reported 237 white members; 1 local preacher; 8 infants baptized, 10 adults; 5 Sunday Schools, 38 officers and teachers, 263 scholars, 150 volumes in library; 5 periodicals; 7 churches, valued at \$2,000. Mission collection \$132.75.

Waccamaw Mission was served by Rev. S. P. H. Elwell, who reports 281 whites, 64 colored members; 3 local preachers; 30 infants baptized, 10 adults; 5 Sunday Schools, 36 officers and teachers, 195 scholars; 200 volumes in library; 60 Church periodicals; money collected \$285.75. The Mission is connected with Waccamaw Circuit. 5 churches.

Calvary Mission was served by Rev. W. S. Haltom, who reports 31 whites; 5 adults baptized; 75 S. S. scholars, 10 officers and teachers: S. S. money \$12.00, for Missions \$6.50.

St. George's Mission was served by Rev. J. O. A. Connor, who reports, whites 184, colored 3; infants baptized—whites 21, colored 3; churches 4.

The Pee Dee Mission and the Orphan Home Mission were discontinued.

The following new Missions were established: One to be located on the head-waters of the Broad River, to be called "Upper Broad River Mission," with or without appropriation. One to be located in the city of Columbia, to be called "Columbia City Mission."

The Manchester Mission was re-established.

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.—Charles Betts, President; H. M. Mood, 1st Vice-President; A. B. Stephens, 2d Vice-President; J. R. Pickett, 3d Vice-President; A. J. Stokes, Secretary; Thos. Raysor, Treasurer. Managers—Clerical: W. P. Mouzon, S. H. Browne, W. H. Fleming, C. H. Pritchard, W. S. Black and P. G. Bowman; Lay: A. E. Williams, H. T. Wright, J. W. Gidney, E. T. Rembert, Samuel Stevenson, T. A. Carlisle; and the Presiding Elders *ex-officio*.

Rev. W. S. Black was appointed to prepare the Missionary report for 1870.

Thomas Raysor, Treasurer, in account with Board of Domestic Missions, South Carolina Conference.

1869.	Dr.	
Cash from last year.....	\$	120 00
Consolidated collections.....		497 69
Charleston District		314 20
Spartanburg District.....		286 50
Columbia District.....		191 50
Cokesbury District.....		617 12
Marion District.....		178 00
Wadesboro District.....		131 30
Bamberg District		332 90
Greenville District.....		45 95
Shelby District.....		49 25
Taken from anniversary collection by order of Conf'nce.		65 00
Total.....		\$2,828 91

1869.	Cr.	
Paid Parent Board	\$276 39	
“ Bamberg District.....	600 00	
“ Charleston District	100 00	
“ Shelby District.....	400 00	
“ Marion District.....	500 00	
“ Wadesboro District.....	275 00	
“ Spartanburg District.....	175 00	
“ Greenville District.....	500 00	
“ A. J. Stokes.....	1 50 —	\$2,827 89

Cash in Treasury..... \$ 1 02
 Collected from circuits, stations and at the anniversary at Cheraw for Mission debt, \$558.75; sent to T. J. Magruder, Baltimore, by order of Conference.

MISSIONARY DEBT.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Rev. Dr. Munsey, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the M. E. Church, South, respectfully report:

That as far as they have been able to learn, in the absence of documents which are not at hand, the portion of the Missionary debt due by this Conference is about three thousand dollars. The Committee recommend:

1. That the amount of three hundred and eleven dollars now in the hands of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society of this Conference for Foreign Missions, be appropriated to this debt.

2. That it be made the duty of the Presiding Elders to divide the above mentioned sum of three thousand dollars among their respective Districts, and that each Presiding Elder shall divide the amount apportioned to his District among the several charges of his District, and that the preachers to whom these amounts shall be assessed shall collect the amounts so appropriated during the months of January and February next, and pay over the amounts collected to their respective Presiding Elders, who shall forward the same to T. J. Magruder, Esq., No. 1 Hanover street, Baltimore, Md., Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, M. E. Church, South.

In accordance with the above, the following is the distribution of that portion of the debt assigned to the South Carolina Conference:

Charleston District.....	\$385 00
Marion ".....	385 00
Columbia ".....	385 00
Cokesbury ".....	385 00
Bamberg ".....	320 00
Shelby ".....	320 00
Wadesboro ".....	320 00
Spartanburg ".....	285 00
Greenville ".....	215 00

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

Your Committee are profoundly thankful for the success with which the business of the Publishing House at Nashville is conducted. Dr. Redford, the untiring Agent, deserves, we think, the hearty co-operation of every preacher in this Conference. We recommend that the "sixty-dollar" proposition be taken in every case where it is at all practicable. We will thus contribute to the relief of our Publishing House, and at the same time give to our people reading matter of the right sort.

Your Committee recommend the establishment of an Agency for Books and Tracts within our bounds, if a suitable man can be found for the work.

The communication of Dr. J. E. Evans, with regard to publishing his Episcopal controversy, has been considered with favor, and we hereby recommend its publication, with a promise to aid in its circulation.

The *Christian Advocate*, under the able management of Dr. Summers, we heartily recommend to our preachers and people.

The *Sunday School Visitor*, also, we regard as a valuable help to our Sunday Schools, and respectfully suggest the importance of publishing it weekly.

With unfeigned satisfaction we have examined the report of J. W. Burke & Co., publishers of the *Southern Christian Advocate*, to this Conference. We are glad that their untiring and self-sacrificing labors are about to be rewarded by an appreciating public. The Church in the patronizing Conferences, in our judgment, is much indebted to this company for such an instrumentality for good; and we unite in expressing the hope that all difficulties with reference to its publication may soon be put to rest, and that coming to its help, all of us, we may increase its usefulness and make it a source of revenue to the Church. We consider it to be one of the best family papers, and hereby pledge ourselves to renewed efforts to increase its circulation.

Your Committee hope that Dr. Redford may soon find it in his power to publish a Quarterly Review for our Church.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

The Special Committee to whom were referred the interests of the *Southern Christian Advocate*, embracing its proposed return to Charleston, S. C., its original place of publication, having given to the subject such earnest and deliberate consideration as they could, recommend for adoption by the Conference the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the whole subject of the *Southern Christian Advocate* be referred to the delegation of the South Carolina Conference in the approaching General Conference, acting in concert with the delegations of the North Georgia, South Georgia and Florida Conferences, and of any other patronizing Conference or Conferences.

Resolved, That an authenticated copy of this report be furnished to the Chairman of the delegation of the South Carolina Conference.

FINANCIAL PLAN.

The Committee charged with the revision of the Financial Plan of the Conference have given the whole subject mature deliberation, feeling profoundly impressed with a sense of its vital, if not paramount, importance to the sacred and immortal interests of the Church, for the time to come.

With impressions such as these, entertained, it is hoped, in the fear of God, changes have been made to accommodate the Plan, as far as possible, to the conflicting opinions which are found to exist in the body of the Conference. And these changes have been made in a spirit of Christian conciliation, with the fact abundantly demonstrated, by the practical results, as embodied in the returns of collections from about one-fourth of the charges, of the entire practicability, we might say the easy practicability, of the Plan. In some of the charges it has been executed to the letter—every claim having been fully met with comparative ease, and greatly to the relief and satisfaction of the stewardship and all members of the Church who feel an interest in the matter.

These changes, then, having been thus made, and your Committee being also impressed with a conception of the difficulty which is found in bringing any plan into general and harmonious operation, and feeling, at the same time, that this is essentially necessary to success, urgently and affectionately entreat amity of sentiment and concurrence of action upon the Plan which shall be herewith agreed upon.

PLAN OF OPERATIONS.

1. That as soon as the preacher arrives, it shall be the duty of the respective Boards of Stewards to meet and determine the whole amount to be raised for the support of the Church for the Conference year—the Conference collections excepted. That at the first Church Meeting, or convenient time thereafter, this matter shall be brought by the Stewards or Steward (whether station or circuit) before the membership, and provision made for raising the amount required, either by assessments upon all the members of the Church, previously agreed upon by the Board, and reported and assented to at this first meeting, or by the assumption of entirely voluntary obligations on the part of the members, in response to the call of the Stewards, to the full amount needed.

2. That, on the stations, collections be made by the Stewards monthly. That these collections be reported to a monthly meeting of the Stewards, which meeting shall aggregate and order the disbursement, through the Secretary and Treasurer of the Board, to the Pastor, Presiding Elder, &c.; the financial result of each month's operations to be reported (the amount each member has paid being read out) to the Monthly Church Meetings.

3. That, on the circuits, collections shall be made by the Stewards quarterly, the assessments or voluntary obligations having been made or taken to be thus paid, whether in provisions or money. That these collections shall be reported to quarterly meetings of the Boards of Stewards, which meetings shall aggregate and disburse as provided for in Section 2, in regard to stations, and in like manner report the result to quarterly meetings of the members of each church.

4. That in order to further the interests of collections for the support of the Preachers, Presiding Elders, &c., it shall be the duty of the Stewards to bring the matter, if necessary, constantly before the membership, on all suitable occasions, both individually and in congregation assembled; and that the performance of this solemn and sacred duty is most earnestly and affectionately enjoined, its observance to be regarded a test of proper qualifications for the Stewardship.

5. That the collections ordered by the Conference be divided and presented to the church, in congregation assembled or otherwise: So much for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers; so much for the Bishops, so much for Educational purposes, and so much for Missions; and that these claims be presented by the Preachers, assisted and supported by the Stewards, beginning early in the year, and continued from time to time, if necessary, until the full amount called for shall have been realized.

6. That the aggregate collections ordered by the Conference be put down at \$26,000, to be apportioned as follows: For Bishops, \$1,500; Superannuated Preachers, &c., \$9,500; for Education, \$8,000; and for Missions, \$8,000.

7. That the whole amount (\$26,000) be apportioned among the several Presiding Elders' Districts of the Conference, according to their respective ability, by the Joint Board of Finance; and the amount so apportioned to each District shall be distributed for collection among the several charges thereof by the Presiding Elder.

8. That the Presiding Elder, having thus divided and apportioned, present these several claims at the first Quarterly Conference, with the urgent injunction that they be not neglected, and that the full amount is expected.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1870.

<i>Districts.</i>	<i>Conference Collection.</i>	<i>Education Fund.</i>	<i>Support of Missions.</i>	<i>Bishops' Fund.</i>
Charleston.....	\$1100 00	\$1050 00	\$1050 00	\$200 00
Bamberg.....	1100 00	1000 00	1000 00	150 00
Marion.....	1100 00	1050 00	1050 00	200 00
Columbia.....	1100 00	1050 00	1050 00	200 00
Cokesbury.....	1100 00	1050 00	1050 00	200 00
Groenville.....	600 00	550 00	550 00	100 00
Spartanburg.....	800 00	750 00	750 00	180 00
Shelby.....	800 00	750 00	750 00	140 00
Wadesboro.....	800 00	750 60	750 00	130 00
Total.....	\$8500 00	\$8000 00	\$8000 00	\$1500 00

EPISCOPAL DECISION.

Being called upon by the report of a Committee appointed to investigate a charge of mal administration against the Rev. W. H. Fleming, of the South Carolina Conference, in conducting an investigation of *complaints* at one time and of *charges* at another, I shall notice the points as to the legality of the proceedings that are made in the above report :

1. A Quarterly Conference has the right to discontinue the name of one of its members from the roll who has removed to a distant point from his circuit or station with the apparent intention of remaining there, having taken no letter in the removal ; but cannot inflict pains and penalties upon him without due notification of charges and a regular trial. The "revoking of the credentials" of an absent local preacher without trial is, therefore, illegal.

2. In the case embodied in the report of the Committee, after regular charges were presented, the process of trial was according to the requirements of law.

(Signed,)

H. H. KAVANAUGH.

Cheraw, S. C., December 21st, 1869.

LEGAL CONFERENCE.

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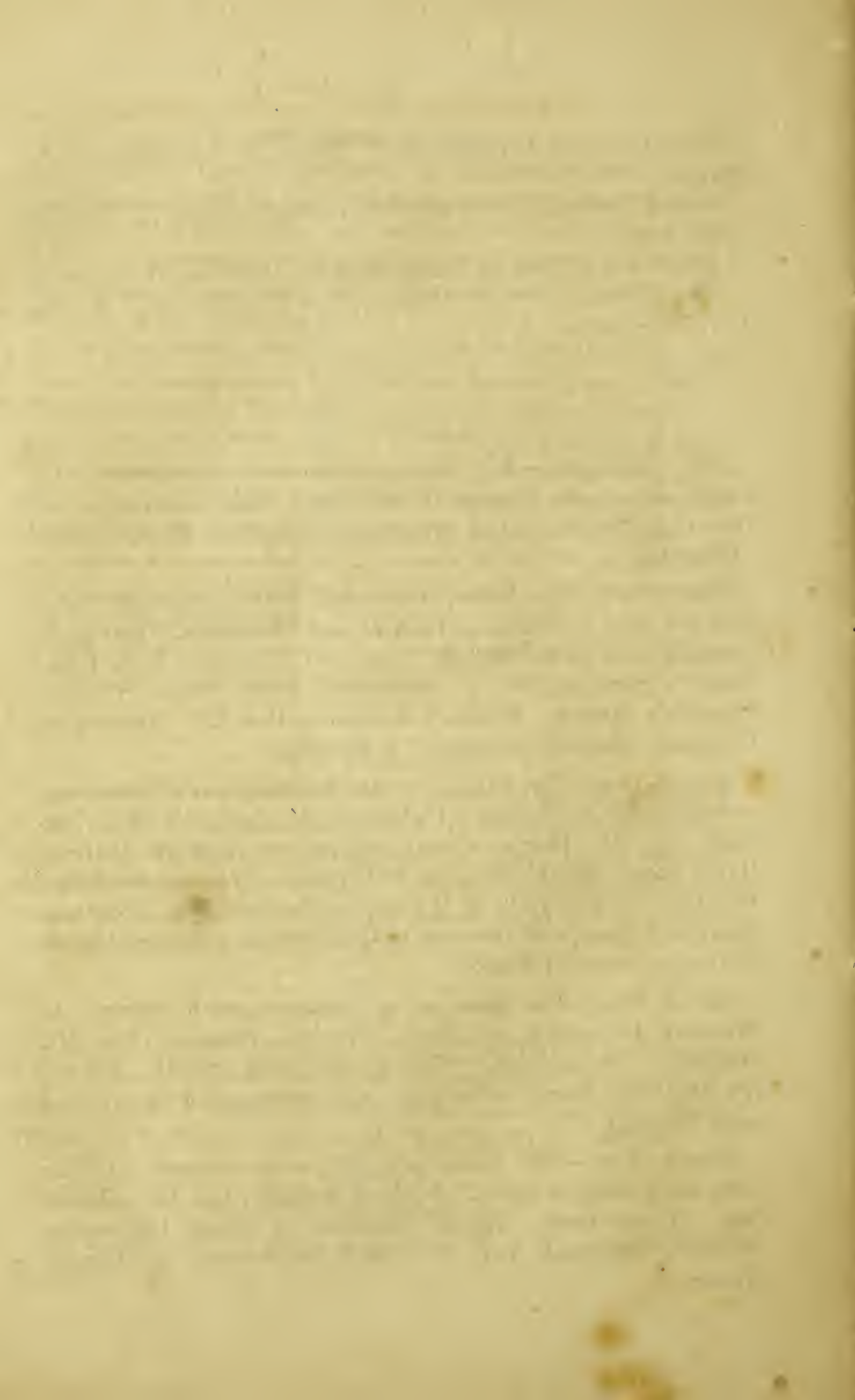
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